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1. EMBASSY HAS ABSORBED WITH INTEREST CONTENTS REFTEL AND PARTICULARLY SHARES DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE SHARPEN FOCUS OF UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS VISIT. WISH TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THRUST OF REFTEL CONFLICTS WITH DETAILED GUIDANCE WHICH DEPARTMENT HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED IN STATE A-5767 OF JULY 6 (GUIDANCE ON WHICH EMBASSY DRAFT SCHEDULE WAS BASED). EMPHASIS AT THAT TIME WAS QUITE CLEARLY ON "LOGISTICAL NUTS AND BOLTS," ESPECIALLY IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, TIMELY SUBMISSION OF ROMANIAN APPLICATIONS, AND PLACEMENT DIFFICULTIES. KEY PURPOSE OF VISIT, IN WORDS OF THAT AIRGRAM, WAS TO IMPRESS UPON HOSTS "OUR INTEREST IN HAVING ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES WORK IN A MANNER THAT WOULD EASE RECURRING PROBLEMS WE HAVE IN PLACING ROMANIAN ACADEMICS WHOSE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY LATE."

2. EMBASSY, OF COURSE, HAS NO OBJECTION TO CHANGING SIGNALS AT THIS RELATIVELY LATE DATE AND IS PREPARED TO ATTEMPT DEVELOP SCENARIO IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S PRESENT WISHES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HOWEVER, WE WOULD QUESTION EXTENT TO WHICH MITRAN'S INPUT MAY BE AUTHORITATIVE EXPRESSION OF WHAT IS BEST EITHER FOR
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ROMANIAN INTERESTS OR FOR OUR OWN. HIS STATED READINESS INVOLVE

HIMSELF IN DISTANT SCHEDULING ARRANGEMENTS AND REFERENCE TO "QUERYING" MINED HERE IS FAMILIAR PLOY WHICH, IN EMBASSY EXPERIENCE, HAS OFTEN PROVED LONG ON PROMISES AND SHORT ON RESULTS. FACT REMAINS THAT MINED CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO GUIDANCE TO DATE FROM ROMANIAN EMBASSY REGARDING PURPOSE, SCOPE, OR INTENT OF VISIT IN QUESTION. EMBOFFS, DURING REPEATED CALLS ON MINED, CONTINUE TO ENCOUNTER SAME PLANNING VACUUM WHICH CUSTOMARILY PREVAILS IN THAT MINISTRY. (FYI: EMBASSY DOES, OF COURSE, ANTICIPATE SIGNIFICANT MINED PARTICIPATION IN AND COOPERATION WITH THIS EXERCISE, THOUGH AS ALWAYS CONCRETE DETAILS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN MOST TIMELY AND EFFICIENT MANNER FROM THAT MINISTRY).

3. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY WILL APPROACH MINED WITH MODIFIED PROPOSALS ALONG LINES ADUMBRATED REFTEL AND WILL SUGGEST THAT MINISTRY MAKE PLANS FOR "INFORMAL" COLLOQUIA IN BUCHAREST AND IN PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITY CITIES, AT SAME TIME REQUESTING MINISTRY CONSIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR DELEGATION MEMBERS TO OFFER LECTURES TO UNIVERSITY AUDIENCES INCLUDING STUDENTS. EMBASSY WILL ALSO ADVISE MINED TO SCRUB TENTATIVE PLANS FOR EXCURSIONS TO SIGHISOARA AND SUCEAVA AND OTHER SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES AND EXPLAIN THAT DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL MAKE INFORMAL TOURS DURING FREE TIME IF DESIRED. EMBASSY WILL INFORM THE DEPARTMENT WHEN MINED HAS COMPLETED THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND WILL FORWARD NEW SCHEDULE.

4. CONCUR NOVEMBER 3 ARRIVAL. APPRECIATE RECEIVING FIRM ETA WHEN KNOWN. BUCHAREST A-272 (OCTOBER 4) PROVIDED DETAILS OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. VISAS AVAILABLE AT AIRPORT FOR HOLDERS OF U.S. TOURIST PASSPORTS.
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